

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks and amendments following is respectfully requested. Claims 1-27 and 39-56 are in this case. Claims 1-17, 20-27, 39-42, 44-52 and 54-56 have now been canceled without prejudice. Claims 18, 19, 43 and 53 have now been amended.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 54 over USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicant has chosen to cancel claim 54 without prejudice to overcome the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections – Cover

The Examiner has rejected claims 46-49 and 54-56 over USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cover. While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 46-49 and 54-56 without prejudice to overcome the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections – Jacobus in view of Cover

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10, 40-42 and 44-45 over USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobus in view of Cover. While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 1-10, 40-42 and 44-45 without prejudice to overcome the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections – Jacobus in view of Cover and Gillio

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-17, 21, 23-27 and 39 over USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobus in view of Cover and further in view of Gillio. While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 11-17, 21, 23-27 and 39 without prejudice to overcome the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections – Jacobus in view of Cover and Nowinski

The Examiner has rejected claims 50-52 over USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobus in view of Cover and further in view of Nowinski. While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, in order to advance the prosecution, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 50-52 without prejudice to overcome the rejections of the Examiner in this regard.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claim 18 is allowable, and that claims 19, 43 and 53 would be allowable if amended to be independent, as they currently depend from a non-allowable base claims.

While continuing to traverse the rejections of the Examiner, Applicant has chosen to cancel claims 1-17, 20-27, 44-52 and 54-56 without prejudice, and to amend claims 19, 43 and 53 so as to overcome the objections of the Examiner. Applicant feels that these amendments render claims 19, 43 and 53, with previously accepted claim 18, in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks and amendments it is respectfully submitted that claims 18, 19, 43 and 53 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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